

An Adventure in Africa



It was late at night, but Kevin lay awake in bed. He could not sleep because he was very scared. His bed was inside a giant camping tent, and just outside the tent were the fields of Africa, filled with wild animals. Kevin looked at his parents, who slept soundly in another bed across from him. He wondered how they could be so calm. What if a lion came into their tent to attack them? It took a long time before Kevin finally fell asleep.

When the sun came up, he felt his mother's hand on his head. "Good morning, Kevin!" she said. She looked happy and excited. "Time to wake up and go on the safari."

"I'm scared," said Kevin. Before they left America on the airplane, his parents had explained to him that a safari was a long drive through nature, usually in Africa. During a safari you can see lions and zebras living free, instead of cooped up in a zoo. "What if we get close to a lion?" he asked.

"Oh darling," she said. "Like I told you, nothing will happen to us if we listen to what our guide says."

Kevin rubbed his eyes and slowly put on his clothes. He listened to the birds singing outside and began to feel less afraid. He walked out of the tent into bright sunlight, and ate his eggs quickly at the table outside. Then he got into a big green jeep with his mother and father. The driver was a kind-looking man with a bushy gray beard. His name was Jim, and he was their guide.

The jeep took off along a dirt road. After a little while Kevin saw something move out of the corner of his eye. "Wait!" he said. "I see something!"

Jim stopped the car and told them all to get out. Kevin and his parents waited in the tall grass while Jim walked ahead of them and looked around. After a minute Jim raised his hands in the air. "Shhh," he whispered. "It's nothing dangerous. If we speak loudly, we'll scare it away!" Kevin and his parents walked up to where Jim stood, and soon Kevin saw an animal come very close to them. It was a beautiful golden creature with dark brown spots and a very, very long neck. It had come to eat the leaves of a tall tree. "The giraffe is the only animal around here tall enough to reach those leaves," whispered Jim. "That's why it always has food to eat."

"Wow," whispered Kevin. He could not believe how close he was to the giraffe. All his fears vanished and he began to get excited about the day to come.

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1. Where are Kevin and his parents?

- A in Australia
- B in Africa
- C in America

2. What event made Kevin less afraid of being close to wild animals?

- A Kevin's mom told him that nothing would happen to them if they listen to their guide so Kevin was not afraid.
- B Jim, the guide, came to pick up Kevin and his parents to take them on the safari.
- C A giraffe came very close to Kevin while he was on the safari and Kevin was not afraid.

3. Kevin was scared when he was in the giant camping tent late at night in Africa. Which evidence from the story does NOT support this statement?

- A It took a long time before Kevin could fall asleep.
- B Kevin's parents slept soundly in another bed across from Kevin.
- C Kevin thought about a lion coming into their tent to attack them.

4. How did Kevin's parents most likely feel during the trip to Africa?

- A Kevin's parents were bored during the trip to Africa.
- B Kevin's parents were afraid during the trip to Africa.
- C Kevin's parents were not afraid during the trip to Africa.

5. What is the story mostly about?

- A a boy named Kevin who goes on a safari in Africa with his parents
- B a boy named Kevin who was excited to see many wild animals close up
- C a family that went to Africa to see giraffes

6. Read the following sentences: "During a safari you can see lions and zebras living free, instead of **cooped up** in a zoo."

What does the phrase "**cooped up**" most nearly mean?

- A yelled at
- B released in the wild
- C kept in a closed space

7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

Kevin saw something move _____ the guide stopped the car.

- A because
- B so
- C but

8. Which animal came to eat the leaves of a tall tree that was near Kevin?

9. Explain how Kevin’s feelings about being close to wild animals change from the beginning to the end of the story. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

10. How would Kevin react if he saw a lion up close on the safari? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

Happy New Year!

A New Year Is Here

It's party time! People around the world celebrate the holiday in different ways.

The United States



Alan Schein Photography/Corbis

A big party is held in New York. Millions of people watch the party on television. People count down the final seconds of the old year. At midnight, a bright crystal ball drops. People cheer for the start of the new year.

Brazil



Samba Photo/Getty Images

Many people go to parties on the beach. People wear white clothes. They watch a fireworks show. Some people put flowers into the ocean and make a wish. It is believed to be good luck if the waves take the flowers out to sea.

Spain



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People celebrate with their families. They each have 12 grapes ready. At midnight, they eat the grapes for good luck. Each grape stands for one month of the new year.

South Africa



Hoberman Collection/Photolibrary

People dress in colorful clothes. They go to parades. Marching bands play. Many people dance in the streets to the beat of the drums.

China



Alain Evard/Photolibary

Chinese New Year is a long celebration. It lasts for 15 days. This year, the holiday starts on February 14. Parades are held on the last day. Many people wear new red clothes. Kids carry lanterns. Some people wear dragon costumes and dance through the streets. The dragon is a symbol of good luck.

Australia



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A big fireworks show is held at midnight. It takes place over the Sydney Harbour Bridge. A **harbor** is a part of a body of water where ships can stay safe from storms. People also watch a parade of boats on the water. The boats are decorated with lights.

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Directions: Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. Which country's celebration of the new year lasts for 15 days?

2. What happens on New Year's Eve in New York City?

3. Based on the photos provided in the passage, what is one conclusion you can draw about how New Year's Eve is celebrated around the world?

4. What is the main idea of this passage?

Directions: Please read the sentence below and then write the word or phrase that best answers the questions. The first answer has been provided for you.

Many Brazilians go to parties on the beach to celebrate the new year.

Who? many Brazilians

5. (do) What?

6. Where?

7. Why?

Student Name: _____ Score: _____

Division Word Problems

Workspace

Shana bought 8 chocolates and gave 2 chocolates to each of her friends. How many friends did she give chocolate to?

Answer = _____

Badger saved 9 dollar in a piggy bank in 3 days. If he saved equal amount of money in each day, find the number of dollars he saved in one day.

Answer = _____

Dora won two games and scored 4 points. She scored the same number of points in each game. How many points did she score in each game?

Answer = _____

A chipmunk eats 6 apples in 3 days. How many apples does he eat in a day?

Answer = _____

Kitty drinks 8 cups of milk in 4 days. How many cups does she drink in a day?

Answer = _____



Dividing by 2 or 3

Grade 3 Division Worksheet

Find the quotient.

1. $21 \div 3 =$ _____ 2. $15 \div 3 =$ _____ 3. $6 \div 3 =$ _____

4. $14 \div 2 =$ _____ 5. $6 \div 2 =$ _____ 6. $12 \div 2 =$ _____

7. $2 \div 2 =$ _____ 8. $18 \div 2 =$ _____ 9. $18 \div 3 =$ _____

10. $4 \div 2 =$ _____ 11. $27 \div 3 =$ _____ 12. $20 \div 2 =$ _____

13. $8 \div 2 =$ _____ 14. $10 \div 2 =$ _____ 15. $24 \div 3 =$ _____

16. $3 \div 3 =$ _____ 17. $16 \div 2 =$ _____ 18. $12 \div 3 =$ _____

19. $30 \div 3 =$ _____ 20. $9 \div 3 =$ _____ 21. $21 \div 3 =$ _____

22. $12 \div 2 =$ _____ 23. $24 \div 3 =$ _____ 24. $16 \div 2 =$ _____

25. $2 \div 2 =$ _____ 26. $10 \div 2 =$ _____ 27. $18 \div 2 =$ _____

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Division Word Problems - Independent Practice Worksheet

Solve the word problems. Make sure to draw pictures to help you solve the problems.

1. A baker made 24 pastries and packed them in small boxes. Each box held 4 pastries. How many boxes of pastries did he create?



2. A class of 36 students was divided equally into teams for tennis. Each tennis team had 4 students. How many tennis teams were there?



3. John had 28 pieces of bone. He had 7 dogs to feed. Each animal was given equal number pieces. How many pieces of bones did each animal get?



4. A tour operator planned a trip for 108 tourists. He divided the tourists into 9 groups. How many tourist groups were made?



5. A librarian has 72 new reference books. She puts them on 4 shelves. She puts an equal number of books on each shelf. How many books are there on each shelf?



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6. Jennie rode her bicycle 18 kilometers in the past 3 days. She covers the same distance every day. How many kilometers did Jennie ride her bicycle each day?

7. A garment store has 45 pink shirts for sale. The shirts are evenly divided into 9 bins. How many shirts are in each bin?

8. Shelly needs 8 meters of cloth to stitch a shirt. If Shelly has 64 meters of cloth, how many shirts can she stitch?

9. There are 132 people seated in the school auditorium for an assembly. There are 6 rows in the auditorium, each with the same number of seats. If the auditorium is completely filled, how many seats are there in each row?

10. At a football field there are 12 players on each team. If there are 72 players on the field, how many teams will be formed?

